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REPORT
OF THE
SUP. SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND
EXPENSES
OF THE
TOWN OF LYNDEBOROUGH,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 26, 1859.

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SCHOOL REPORT,

Eight hundred and forty dollars were appropriated the last year for the support of our Common Schools. It is made my duty to inform you, as correctly as possible, in respect to the manner and results of this expenditure,

DISTRICT NO. 1,

Money assigned, \$123 79. Dr. Wm. A. Jones, Prudential Committee. The Summer School, which was 10 weeks long, was taught by Miss Martha LeBosquet, whose wages including board, were \$15 per month. The whole number of scholars attending not less than 2 weeks, was 40. They were commendably constant and punctual. At the last examination order and propriety prevailed, and gratifying improvement was generally evinced. Singing, and other miscellaneous exercises were introduced by the teacher, whose even-tempered, kind and judicious manner exerted a salutary influence.

Mr. Jonas Hutchinson, of Milford, taught the Winter School, the term of 10 weeks, for which he received twenty dollars per month. His pupils, five of whom were not absent a single half-day, numbered 39, and averaged in their attendance, 31. Though this was his first effort, it was evidently a successful one. General improvement, with considerable proficiency on the part of several, was obvious. His suasive manner and courteous demeanor were not without their influence. The health and education of the children of this district have suffered quite long enough from a school room utterly unfit for its object,

DISTRICT No. 2.

Money assigned, 107 03. John W. Burnham, Prudential Committee. The Summer term was 12 weeks long, number of scholars 18; everage attendance 15. At the closing examination, there was gratifying evidence that the school had been kept still and orderly, and that the teacher, Miss Emeline Spalding, had spared no pains to secure improvement on the part of her pupils. Her first effort shows her a promising teacher.

The Winter School, 15 weeks long, was taught by Miss Emma Holt, whose remuneration including board, was \$18 per month. While the term commenced too early for some, sickness in the district diminished the privilege of others. The average attendance of the 21 who belonged to the school was a little more than 15. The teacher came to her work with scholarship and experience. Though anxious and unwearied in her efforts, the indisposition of a few to second her exertions, detracted from their own improvement and marred the usefulness of the school; yet the examination was a pleasant one, and evinced gratifying improvement in the classes generally.

DISTRICT No. 3. Money assigned \$130 07. Joseph A. Johnson, Prudential Committee. The Summer term was divided into two parts, one of 7 weeks, the other of six, with a vacation of two months between. The teacher, Miss Frances A. Holt, received for wages 14 dollars per month, including board. The attendance was 28 in all, with the average of 23 the first part of the term, and 29 with the average of nearly 20, the second part. At the close of the first 7 weeks, the school appeared to be well governed; the children were well furnished with books; the teacher had taught them many things orally, and indications were of a favorable character. As the last part of the Summer term closed suddenly on account of sickness, as I was informed, the Superintendent, for want of timely notice, could not attend the final examination.

The Winter school, not yet closed, is expected to be 15½ weeks long, under the instruction of Miss Susan M. Butler. February 22nd, thirty-one different scholars had been members of the school, whose average attendance amounts to 24. More than half the pupils have been very punctual. When inspected, the school afforded evidence of progress and improvement, yet greater stillness and more *audible* voices would have added to the pleasure and interest of the

examination. The excellent school house which this district have erected in place of the old one is a valuable addition to our educational facilities.

DISTRICT No. 4. Money assigned \$69 31. J. H. Goodridge, Prudential Committee. The Summer School of 7 weeks was taught by Miss Eliza P. Jones. Both Summer and Winter the whole number of different scholars was just 22, and the average attendance a little more than 19; both terms the scholars were remarkably punctual as well as constant. The examination at the close of the first term was attended by 18 pupils and 11 visitors. A majority of the classes made a favorable appearance. Creditable attention had been given to reading and spelling.

Miss Harriet Richardson taught the Winter School, which was 10 weeks long. Her remuneration, including board, amounted to \$17. The closing examination, which was attended by *seventeen* visitors gave evidence of well directed efforts to make good readers, and thorough and accurate arithmeticians. We found here a *banner* class in Colburn's Arithmetic. The scholars generally seemed inspired with zeal for improvement, and the aspect of the school was highly interesting. It affords us joy to congratulate the district on having a beautiful and well constructed school house. Though it makes them high taxes this year, yet with good teachers and wise parents it will soon more than pay for itself. The *horse-shed* is a valuable appendage; but few of the school houses are provided with even a post or a hook.

DISTRICT No. 5. Money assigned, \$70 20. Solomon Cram, Prudential Committee. Eight weeks was the length of the Summer school which was taught by Miss Emily E. Dascomb of Wilton. Fifteen scholars belonged to it, whose average attendance was nearly 11. We visited the school three times, and it appeared to us that the teacher exerted herself to make the term profitable to her pupils. Though lax at first in her government, she followed counsel, and applied herself to secure better discipline, which, however, reduced the number of her pupils, and though but few were present at the close, they were orderly and appeared to have derived profit. In her method of instruction the teacher seemed to be clear and thorough.

Mr. Andrew J. Philbrick was employed to keep the Winter School which continued a day and a half over 7 weeks. His wages, including board, were \$24 per month. The whole number of different scholars was 20. Although our

first visit found the school in an unpromising condition, yet a better state was soon secured, and after some days good order seemed established, and the prospect was favorable. We have reason to believe that the teacher persevered in his endeavors to maintain good discipline, and ought to have been better sustained by people of the district. On the day appointed, the Superintendent visited the school house to attend the final examination, but as the money was nearly or quite expended, and the weather intensely cold, the Prudential Committee had caused the school to be closed. We had no opportunity therefore, to see the result of the teacher's labor. Unless the people of this district arise and build them a good house, furnish such school books as are needed, sustain their teachers better by increased interest and co-operation, the education of their children will suffer irreparable loss, and their farms will not be worth half price.

DISTRICT No. 6. Money assigned, \$100 15. Ezra F. Melzer, Prudential Committee. The Summer and Winter terms were both of the same length, 9 weeks. Twenty-three scholars, whose average attendance was 18, belonged to the Summer School, which was taught by Miss Lucy K. Spalding of Wilton. Wages and board \$16. The teacher's suasive manner and tender regard for her pupils could not but win their affection. The examination was not only pleasant and interesting, but furnished gratifying proof of progress and improvement.

Twenty-nine scholars attended the Winter School, who were so constant as to make the good average of twenty-six. They were also very punctual. Ten were not tardy at all, and five not more than twice. Fourteen were above twelve years of age, and eight above fourteen. A disposition to do right and well characterized the older scholars, and greatly aided the teacher, Mr. Benj. J. Boutwell, in maintaining good order. At the examination, 26 scholars and 28 visitors were present. It was highly creditable to both pupils and teacher. We were particularly pleased with the class in Colburn's Arithmetic. It was justly entitled to the *first premium*. The exercises were delightfully interspersed with songs, declamations and the reading of "The Golden Wreath," the paper of the school, made up, to a considerable extent, of original contributions from its members. An excellent school room is a valuable possession to the district. It must greatly promote among them the interests of education.

DISTRICT No. 7. Money assigned, \$105 92. Asa B. Clark, Prudential Committee. The Summer term was 10 weeks long, and the Winter term 12. Wages and board were \$12 the former term, and twenty the latter. Eleven different scholars, with the average of 8, was the attendance in the Summer, and 15 with the average of 13 in the Winter. Miss Ellen M. Holt, teacher during the first term, seemed to be actuated by the conscientious desire and purpose to do her duty, and the closing examination afforded evidence that the school had been kept orderly and still, and that successful exertions had been made to interest and improve her pupils.

Miss Abbie J. Boutwell taught the Winter school, and it is enough to say that she sustained her well earned reputation as a good disciplinarian and a faithful and efficient teacher.

DISTRICT No. 8. Money assigned, \$54 27. E. P. Spalding, Prudential Committee. First term 9 weeks, second term 11 weeks long. This district sets the good example of either giving the board, or charging for it but a small price. Hence the expenses of the Summer School was but \$8 per month, and that of the Winter, besides fuel, but \$12 40 per month. Eight scholars the first term, 11 the second. Miss Frances M. Fiske taught in the Summer with excellent success. Though few in number, the scholars filled up the time, examination afternoon, in a very interesting manner. In addition to the examination of classes, which evinced a good degree of improvement, the members of the school acquitted themselves admirably in declamations, compositions and an appropriate *theatrical*. Several visitors were present.

In the Winter School Miss Georgia Giles made her first effort, which was an excellent beginning. At the close of the term, while the appearance of other classes was highly favorable, we were particularly pleased with the improvement made in the art of reading. In addition to such exercises as interspersed the examination of the Summer School, "*The Mountain Star*" was read, which we hope will shine again among the hills.

DISTRICT No. 9. Money assigned, \$54 54. Jotham Stephenson, Prudential Committee. This district had but one term of school, commencing October 18th, and continuing 15 weeks, at the expense for wages and board of \$14 per month. The number of scholars was 10; their average attendance between 7 and 8. The school was visited at its

commencement, but as the Superintendent was out of town at the time of its close, it failed to be examined. Yet from the qualifications and experience of the teacher, Miss Ellen W. Stayner, we doubt not that it was a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 10. Money assigned, \$24 01. Manley Kidder, Prudential Committee for Lyndeborough. As the size of this district has been lately reduced, the number of scholars on our side is less than before. Four attended the Summer School; five the Winter. So far as we know, the schools during both terms were profitable and satisfactory.

From the review now given, it will be seen that prosperity, the past year, attended the good enterprise of educating our children and youth. In view of the progress of our schools for several years past, we have cause for encouragement and joy. The work of giving to our sons and daughters a good education, intellectual, moral and religious, is vital to all the weighty interests of the future. We need to cultivate a deeper interest in the cause, and as soon as possible make increased appropriations.

E. B. CLAGGETT, Superintending Com.

Report of the Overseer of the Poor,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 24, 1859.

Produce and Articles Sold.

Milk, Butter and Cheese	161 50	
Calves sold, 19 12; Stock sold, 31 56;	50 68	
Pork and Lard, 63 10; Wheat and Flour, 5 30;	68 40	
Corn and Meal, 3 00; Potatoes, 1 30;	4 30	
Due from T Ordway for potatoes	4 25	
Use of Bull, 9 50; Four Sheets 1 50;	11 00	
Eggs 1 89; Apples 2 83; Peas 50; Hides 6 71;	11 93	
Breaking roads 2 80; Cash on hand 9 31;	12 11—	324 17
Inventory of 1859,		1002 91
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There have been 84 weeks board at the Farm.

Cash Paid Out.

Store bills, paid	49 64	
Medical attendance	58	
Blacksmith's bill 5 00; Shoemaking 40;	5 40	
Plough handles and point	1 45	
Ebenezer Fisk for labor	11 00	
Lime 60; Potatoes 3 50; Fresh Meat 1 27;	5 37	
Bull 19 10; Pigs 11 75;	30 85	
Rake teeth and three hens	1 60	
Lead pipe and whitewash brush	1 37	
Charles Stimson for labor	48 00	
Benjamin Stanley	30 00	
Butter Firkins, 1,53; Freight on butter and pork, 9,55	11 08	
Repairs on Aqueduct,	1 00—	197 34

Bills remaining unpaid.

Levi P. Spaulding, for fresh meat,	7 83	
Division Store 566,	4 66	
Benjamin Stanley, Superintendent,	120 00	
Ebenezer Fiske, as Overseer,	21 91—	351 74

Paid for Paupers off the Farm.

Daniel M. Boardman, at Wilton,	17 00	
Mrs. Sarah Brown, "	11 86	
Mrs. Mary Putnam, at Nashua,	39 31	
Job Swinington, support of Charles Blake,	2 50	
Anna Fiske, support of her parents,	36 50—	458 97
Inventory, 1858,		954 94
		1413 85
		1327 08

Balance against the Town, 85 77

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EBENEZER FISK, *Overseer of the Poor.*

Lyndeborough, Feb. 24, 1859.

The Selectmen of Lyndeborough ask leave to submit the following Report:

Amount of money in the treasury, as by last year's report, 482 70
 Paid out of the treasury since last report, 4002 76—\$4485 46

Money due the Town.

Due on Collector Clark's list, 1244 20
 Balance due on note of R. Chamberlain 87 00
 Balance in the treasury Feb. 26, 1859, 363 90—\$1695 10

Interest due on School Fund.

On note of R. Chamberlain, 14 35
 Railroad Tax estimated, 23 00
 Present available means of the town, \$1732 45

Expenditures.

Paid to the several School Districts.

To School Districts No. 1,	119 96	
" " " 2,	103 50	
" " " 3,	51 50	
" " " 4,	69 31	
" " " 5,	70 20	
" " " 6,	100 15	
" " " 7,	105 41	
" " " 8,	54 27	
" " " 9,	54 54	
" " " 10,	24 01	
" " " 3, as by last year's report	21 25	
" " " 2, " "	21 44	
" " " 9, " "	38 31	—833 85

Extra expense of building and repairing Highways.

Bridge near Hartshorn's mill,	24 75	
" " Tyler's "	37 78	
On Forest road	118 81	
In District No. 16	9 00	
" 9	5 60	
" 2	23 33	
Repairs on Peterborough road	19 12	
Paid sundry small bills for breaking paths in the spring of 1858	40 65	
To Jotham Stephenson as reported his due	52 20—	331 24

Paid Notes and Interest the past year.

Mary Marsh note and Interest	231 04	
Luther Tarbell do do	110 55	
Isaac Giddeons do do	275 02	
George Spaulding do	88 82	
Samuel Jones Interest	9 00	
Jotham Hildreth do	6 00	
Harvey Perham do	13 66	
Sarah Stiles do	24 00	
John and William Ramsey	120 00	
John D. Butler do	191 35—	979 44

Paid cost of Law suits, Lawyers and Road Commissioners.

Costs in Raymond and Peterboro' cases	98 07	
Clark and Smith for services	115 91	
W. H. Grant " "	85 00	
Cost of Commissioners	82 02	
O. W. Lull in Pearsons and Hutchinson's case	59 60	
Peter Clark for entertaining counsel	7 89—	448 47

Paid School House Taxes.

To District No. 3	95 78	
do do 4	386 65	
do do 6	38 64—	521 07

Miscellaneous Expenses,

For Printing	16 00	
Ebenezer Fisk	284 74	
Jotham Stephenson as reported	52 20	
J H Goodale Commissioner of Schools	10 00	
J H Tarbell Military services	63 00	
John H Goodrich for collecting	40 00	
Milo Robbins as reported	12 60	
Sundry small bills as reported	348 68—	827 22

Debts that the Town owes.

John F Holt,	Note and Interest	132 15	
"	"	59 17	
Jotham Hildreth	"	324 80	
Nathan Richardson	"	227 90	
Wm. S Ramsey	"	1545 41	
John Ramsey	"	513 82	
N T McIntire	"	77 27	
Harvey Perham	"	113 32	
Sarah Stiles	"	414 66	
Daniel Woodward Jr	"	112 36	
Charles Parker	"	340 79	
John D Butler	"	3582 57—	7444 22

Due the several School Districts.

To District No.	1	3 83	
"	"	2	3 53
"	"	3	78 57
"	"	7	51
"	"	6 as reported last year	1 18— 87 62

Due for Breaking Paths the past Winter.

To R. C. Boutwell,	District No. 1,	8 55	
Harvey Holt,	District No. 2,	20 95	
James R. Wright,	District No. 3,	10 90	
Sumner French	District No. 4,	7 15	
Levi P. Spaulding,	District No. 5,	11 50	
Asa Hill,	District No. 6,	16 40	
Charles Goodrich,	District No. 7,	8 10	
John H. Goodrich,	District No. 8,	11 02	
Elias McIntire,	District No. 9,	9 52	
Olney P. Butler,	District No. 10	4 00	
John Doliver,	District No. 11	16 30	
K. S. Curtis,	District No. 12	18 20	
G. W. Bosworth,	District No. 13	11 55	
Cyrus Blanchard,	District No. 14	8 75	
David Putnam,	District No. 15	8 95	
Jesse Symonds,	District No. 16	12 70	
Artemas Woodward,	District No. 17	9 60	
R. K. Lynch,	District No. 18	16 20	
William N. Ryerson,	District No. 19	2 50	
Benjamin Crosby,	District No. 20	7 50—	220 34

Due for breaking paths in the Winter and Spring of 1858.

To Nathan Richardson,	35	
Benjamin Draper,	4 60	
Sherebiah Manning,	8 10	
Daniel Proctor,	8 05	
John Hartshorn,	2 20	
Jotham Hildreth,	3 10	26 40
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Miscellaneous Debts that the Town owes.

E. B. Claggett, superintending Schools,	38 20	
Josiah Wheeler, Town Treasurer,	10 00	
Peter Clark upon completing his collection,	45 00	
Charles Henry Holt, services as Selectman,	40 79	
William W. Howard, do. do.	31 38	
John Hartshorn, do. do.	41 04	
Benjamin J. Clark, care of Town House, and Wood,	5 50	
Oliver Bixby, Town Clerk,	15 00	
William Jones, Auditor,	1 25	
William N. Ryerson,	20 00	
Harvey Holt, repairing highway,	23 00	
Elias McIntire do. do.	5 60	
Jesse Symonds, do. do.	9 00	
Sumner French,	5 50	
Ebenezer Fisk, on Town Farm,	145 09	
John Doliver, repairs on highways,	1 50	437 85

Taxes Abated.

On L. H. Woodward's list, 3,26 ; John F. Holt's, 6,86,	10 12	
On John H. Goodrich's list : David Osgood's Tax,	2 62	
Leonard Morse, 2,12 ; Elizabeth Chamberlain, 39,	2 51	
Asa Blake, 2,79 ; Joshua Jones, 13,52 ; H D. Davis, 5,52,	21 83	
Benjamin Goodrich, 2,62 ; Willard Putnam, 2,62,	5 24	
Isaiah B. Curtis, 2,62 ; Stephen Richardson, 2 62,	5 24	
William Abbott, 2,62 ; Jonathan Cass, overtaxed, 2,62,	5 24	
Thomas K. Kidder,	8 67—	61 47

PAID :

The several School Districts,	833 85	
Repairing Highways,	331 24	
Paid Notes and Interest,	979 44	
Lawsuits,	448 47	
Schoolhouse Taxes,	521 07	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	827 22	
Taxes Abated,	61 47	
Total,		4002 76

Debts the Town Owes.

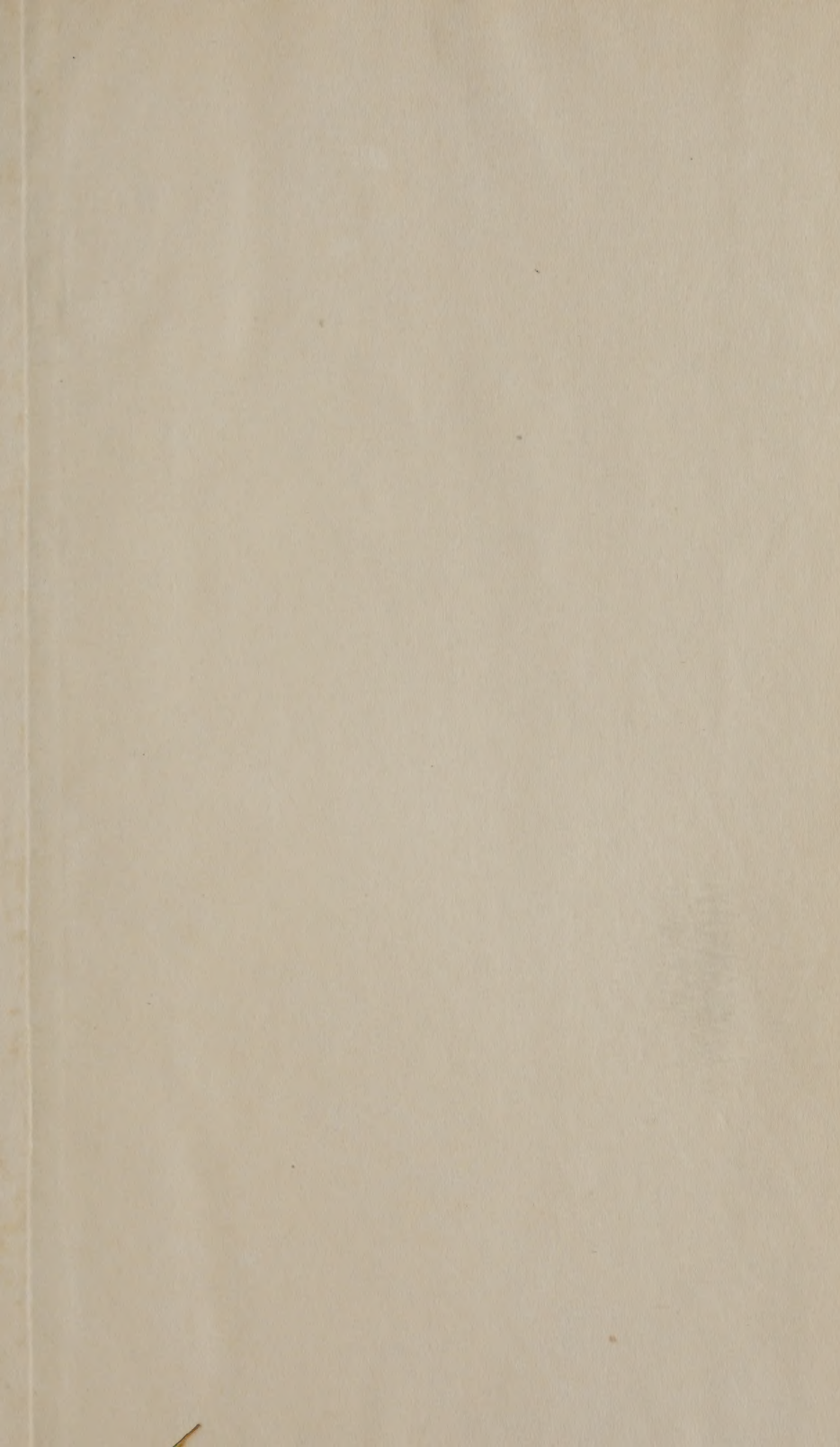
Notes and Interest,	7444 22	
Due several School Districts,	87 62	
For Breaking Paths,	246 74	
Miscellaneous Bills due,	437 85	
Total amount of Indebtedness,		\$8216 43
Deduct present available means,		1732 45
Balance against the Town,		\$6483 98

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES HENRY HOLT, } *Selectmen*
 WILLIAM W. HOWARD, } *of*
 JOHN HARTSHORN, } *Lyndeborough.*

This certifies I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast, and properly vouched.

WILLIAM JONES, *Auditor.*



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